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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BRAHIM ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Garcia et al. (6,364,181). Garcia et al disclose, in figs.1-3, a fastener member for fastening a dispenser member (4) on a fluid reservoir, said fastener member comprising a fastener ring (2) and a covering hoop (1), the fastener ring (2) including reception means (24) for receiving the dispenser member (4), and fastener means (25) for fastening on the reservoir, the covering hoop (1) being mounted by axial engagement around the ring (2) in such a manner as to mask it at least in part, the hoop (1) including hook means (13) co-operating with retention means (26) formed by the ring (2), said hook means (13) include means (15,16) for preventing the hoop (1) from rotating around the ring (2) and preventing the hoop (1) from moving in axial translation, and thereby becoming axially disengaged from the ring (2), the retention means formed by the ring (2) including at least one retention housing (26) that is accessible by axial engagement, said means for preventing both turning and movement in translation co-operating with the retention housing (36), the means for preventing movement in including at least one barb profile (tooth) adapted to bite into the housing, wherein the retention housing (36) is defined by

two opposite, vertical, longitudinal walls (edge wall 26 and thin wall 23), the hook means (13) being engaged with said walls (26, 23).

3. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pierpont (4,984,702). Pierpont discloses, in figs.1 and 2, a fastener member for fastening a dispenser member (82) on a fluid reservoir, said fastener member comprising a fastener ring (32) and a covering hoop (24), the fastener ring (32) including reception means (26) for receiving the dispenser member (82), and fastener means (22) for fastening on the reservoir, the covering hoop (24) being mounted by axial engagement around the ring (32) in such a manner as to mask it at least in part, the hoop (24) including hook means (54) co-operating with retention means (60) formed by the ring (32), said hook means (54) include means (56) for preventing the hoop (24) from rotating around the ring and preventing the hoop from moving in axial translation, and thereby becoming axially disengaged from the ring, the retention means 60 formed by the ring (32) including at least one retention housing that is accessible by axial engagement, said means for preventing both turning and movement in translation co-operating with the retention housing (60), the means for preventing movement in including at least one barb profile (distal edge 56) adapted to bite into the housing, wherein the retention housing (60) is defined by two opposite, vertical, longitudinal walls , the hook means (54) being engaged with said walls .

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 and 7-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN.TM NGO whose telephone number is 571-272-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KEVIN SHAVER can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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Primary Examiner
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January 02, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lien TM Ngo', is written over the printed name and title of the Primary Examiner.